

the most pleasant summers known to this region.

The factory at Washington is at present standing idle, but it is expected to start again soon.

Everywhere in the country people were busy gathering their harvest. Tempting ripe peaches hung over the fences, while vineyards full of rich, luscious grapes were to be seen on all sides. These contradict the cry of hard times, for the land seemed full of luxuries, while the people were able to sit under their vine and fig-tree and enjoy life, while the outside world are struggling to settle the vexed questions of the day. The farmers of this region raise two crops each season on the same ground. Their wheat is planted in the winter, and after it is harvested they raise a crop of corn or lucern. All the farms are small, and a man with a fifteen-acre farm here gets along as well as his northern neighbor with a hundred acres. The verdict here is that this once despised portion of the Territory will yet be the most desirable.

TRAVELER.

### SEVIER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of this Stake convened at Richfield, August 19 and 20, 1894. Elder F. M. Lyman of the Council of the Apostles, the Stake Presidency, all of the Bishops and High Council and alternates were in attendance, also Bishop Madsen, of Gunnison, together with the largest congregation of Saints that have ever assembled in this Stake.

After singing by the Monroe choir, Stake President W. H. Seegmiller reported the Stake in good condition, after which the leading subject of the conference was introduced by Elder Lyman, viz., the reconstruction of the Richfield wards, a vacancy having occurred at last conference by the promotion of Bishop Joseph S. Horne to the Stake presidency; and on the suggestion of Apostles Grant and Cannon for the two wards to be consolidated, the said matter was left until the present time. Elder Lyman delivered a very instructive discourse upon the subject preparatory to a call for a vote on consolidation, which resulted in a full vote for union, which action was immediately followed by the presentment of the name of Theodore Brandley as Bishop of the Richfield ward. The vote thereon was unanimous, as also upon his two counselors, Paul Poulson and Simon Christensen, who were sustained unanimously. The High Priests' quorum was reorganized with Morten Jensen as president and P. E. Westman and William Ogden as counselors. The Stake superintendency of Sunday schools was reorganized with Stake Counselor Joseph S. Horne as superintendent and Charles Jensen and John W. Coons as assistants. Other matters, as the selection of several alternates to the High Council and the sustaining of Albert D. Thurber as superintendent of Richfield Sunday schools, were attended to, all of which business seemed to be satisfactory to the great congregation present.

At 2 p.m. meeting reconvened and the sacrament was administered by the Richfield ward, and Bishop Mad-

sen, of Gunnison, gave a discourse on the duties of deacons.

Counselors Clark and Horne addressed the Saints on their general duties and special reference was made to the Stake Tabernacle.

Elder Lyman instructed in regard to fast offerings and a proper observance of the fast day, and urged attention to the young men being more generally engaged in the duties of the Priesthood; advised the employment of Deacons in the collection of offerings on fast days, and that the Teachers should visit the Saints, taking amount of responsibility, while young and free from the vices and unbelief of the world.

Much good instruction was given on this and the following day to the Saints generally and especially to the Bishops and High Council in regard to trial of cases, and rendering of decisions, that there should be no conflict of jurisdiction.

At the close of conference Elder Lyman highly complimented the Saints upon the faithful attendance and especially of all the Stake and ward authorities being present and the good reports and resolutions made. He very fervently blessed the various authorities and quorums and associations and thus ended one of the most interesting conferences ever held in this Stake, with a benediction pronounced by Patriarch T. Brandley.

GEORGE BEAN,  
Stake Clerk.

RICHFIELD, Aug. 21, 1894.

### PIONEER DAY IN MESA, ARIZONA.

The first thing of course was a salute of twenty-four guns at daylight and music by the band at sunrise. Then there was hurry and bustle getting ready for the grand parade, which was to start at 9 o'clock. First in the procession was our beloved flag, the star-spangled banner, followed by twenty-four warriors in uniform with banner, "Lion of the Lord," and the brass band; next came twenty-four aged fathers with banner, "Heroes of '47," twenty-four aged mothers, banner "Mothers in Israel," and then the babies in arms, with their banner "Babies, Zion's Pride;" next in line were twenty-four young men, whose banner reads: "Union is Liberty Forever. The Constitution which our fathers framed and transmitted to us we will defend;" then came twenty-four young ladies, whose banner reads "Daughters of Zion, Rejoice in Zion's Peace;" twenty-four young boys with banner "Hope of Israel;" twenty-four young girls dressed in pure white, with banner "Virtue Adorns Zion;" twenty-four little boys, banner "Future Defenders of Zion;" twenty-four little girls, banner "Zion's Jewels."

The procession, numbering about 300, marched to the residence of Brother W. Richens, where our Stake president, C. R. Hakes, and party, consisting of our Patriarch, B. F. Johnson, city editor and others, were in waiting to be escorted to the bowery. Arriving there we proceeded with the program. After the usual exercises of singing and prayer there was a short address delivered by one from each company of the "twenty-fours." All the addresses were interesting and appropri-

ate, but the one delivered by the young ladies corresponded so nicely with the motto on their banner that below I give it complete. These were followed by songs and recitations, an oration by one of the old timers, music by the band and a handcart narrative by one of our sisters who drew one of the handcarts across the plains. After the exercises we partook of a picnic dinner under the bowery and then listened to songs and recitations by the children, after which the little ones played games until they were tired.

Lehi ward joined with us in the celebration and we had a splendid time.

We, the daughters of Zion, rejoice in Zion's peace, for on us will soon rest, in part, the prosperity and welfare of Zion. In the years past our time has been mostly spent in pleasure and study, but now the responsibilities of life are before us and we hope to fulfill them in a way that will be pleasing to our Heavenly Father. Let us take religion for our guiding star and strive to follow in the footsteps of the noble women who have assisted in the establishment and upbuilding of Zion. We are the architects of our own fortunes. We are each of us rearing a structure for eternity: every day is a stone, and our good deeds the cement; but good principles must be the foundation and religion the corner-stone.

Let us see to it that the foundation is solid, the corner stone well laid and all the stones firmly cemented, so that when we render up our work for judgment the Master Builder may pronounce it very good.

I seldom see a contribution from our locality, but although we are so far from headquarters we are trying to live our religion, and desire to be remembered.

MRS. C. A. SMITH.

### IN BEAR LAKE.

GARDEN CITY, Rich Co., Utah, Aug. 20, 1894. At last the longlooked for steamer "J. C. Rich" is in full operation and made its initial trip on Thursday, the 16th inst., across the lake. It remained at our landing about an hour, and was viewed by nearly everybody in town. It appears that the company from whom the engine was purchased sent Mr. Rich the wrong kind of a concentrator, and in spite of all the examinations made by expert engineers, none could tell what was wrong until the junior partner of the firm came from Michigan and soon discovered the mistake made in the shipment of the engine. He immediately telegraphed the firm for the necessary piece of machine, which came by express, and the steamer is now in successful operation and will make its regular trips as per schedule. It presents quite a fine and attractive appearance, and will prove much pleasure to those who can afford to take sail over this beautiful body of water. We wish Mr. Rich success and will say that he truly deserves much credit for having been so untiring in his efforts to make the steamer a success. It is needless to say that the pesky thing has caused its owner many sleepless nights, but we hope that he will be amply repaid for his trouble. It will accommodate fifty passengers.

Yours truly,

V. EMIL.